

No. 2011-9

AN ACT

SB 274

Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for unlawful acts concerning licenses; and, in special licenses and permits, further providing for authority to issue permits, for permit fees and for falconry permits.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 2711 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 2711. Unlawful acts concerning licenses.

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*(a.1) Exemption.—For the sole purpose of implementing and enhancing a mentored youth hunting program within this Commonwealth, the commission may establish regulations exempting certain limited youth hunting activities from the prohibitions specified in subsection (a)(1), (3), (5) and (8). Such exemption shall include a provision limiting a mentored youth participating in a mentored youth hunting program to the receipt of no more than one antlerless deer license in each license year.*

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Section 2. Sections 2901(e), 2904(a)(7) and 2925(a) and (b) of Title 34 are amended to read:

§ 2901. Authority to issue permits.

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(e) Falconry permits.—Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), falconry permits may be issued only to persons who are residents of this Commonwealth and [16] 12 years of age or older.

§ 2904. Permit fees.

(a) Annual fees.—The annual fee for permits provided for in this chapter shall be as follows:

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(7) Falconry - [\$25 for each raptor held] \$50.

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§ 2925. Falconry permits.

(a) Powers of commission.—The commission may adopt regulations [consistent with Federal fish and wildlife laws and regulations concerning the sport of falconry] *to define, implement and provide for the issuance of falconry permits to eligible persons within this Commonwealth.*

(b) Unlawful acts.—It is unlawful [to practice any of the actions defined as falconry under this section without a falconry permit or to violate any regulation of the commission or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, whose regulations pertaining to falconry are hereby made a part of this title] *for any person to engage in any falconry activities without a valid falconry permit or to violate any regulation of the commission relating to falconry.*

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Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 24th day of June, A.D. 2011

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